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SHIP "SPLENDID" MARCH 1844.

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MASTER.

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Edgartown, Massachusetts

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A Journal Kept

Charles.

Charles

On board of the Ship Splendid  
of Edgartown Martha's Vineyard  
S. P. of Mass.

Asa Smith Esq.

Chilmark Mass. N.E.





After leaving my uncles I went to New York and from there I went to Connecticut where I stayed about two weeks and then left for New York again after being there about four weeks I shipped to go whaling from New Bedford often going to New Bedford they did not want me so I walked from there to Boston and there I shipped again I now shipped to start from Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard this was about the first of October I was at Edgartown till the fifteenth we then proceeded to sea bound around into the Pacific Ocean the first land that we came in sight of was an island La Puna, del, Fuego the next was Staten land the next was the Diego while in sight of this land we spied a large sperm whale we lowered and fastened to him but it being near night we had to cut again next day we came in sight of cape horn from there we proceeded to move one of the Sandwich Islands on our way we spoke several ships and took one sperm whale which made us 28 barrels of oil and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1844 we drop our anchor at Mowee (while coming from the horn we passed by Juan Fernandez, Magdalena, St. Peter and St. Ambrose) these names there is several other islands in sight as you pass out of Mowee these names is Rani, Maliby, Moraci, Maloo, Scholw, Atlay, etc. we proceeded from Mowee on March 6<sup>th</sup> and stopped again at Atlan for yards and potatos from there we proceeded on our cruise on the North & West coast of America we have now been out about a month however about 40 times struck & whaled and sabed which made 110 barrels of oil and about a thousand weight of bone.

Sunday May 20 1844 we lowered away and our boat got past but by accident we lost him off.

May 27 we killed a whale and he sank we got one boat capsized nobody hurt.

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1844

12. O'clock we lowered away but took nothing.  
At 4 o'clock we lowered away and struck him but  
the iron drownd.

May 28

There is a gale of wind springing up with the wind  
 North East

May 29

The gale still holds on and if anything more by

May 30

The gale holds on but not with such force

May 31

We lowered away and the labboard boat struck a whale  
and we sunk him.

June 1

The labboard boat which is the one that I belong to  
struck a whale and we brought him along side

June 2

We lowered away and our boat got fast again we killed  
him and brought him along side

June 3

Trying out

June 4

Spoke ship India of New Bedford Captain Walker  
with 1200 barrels of oil.

June 5

Trying out

June 6

Trying out

June 7

Trying out

June 8

We have now stowed away our oil, the two whales stoved  
down 200 barrels of oil.

June 9

Our boat got fast and came near getting stove by the whale  


June 10

Our boat got fast and we came near getting Shore  
into ten thousand pieces the whale came under the boat  
and lifted us out of the water we slid the boat off  
and then he began to fight with his flukes he struck  
the oar out of my hand and liked to knock my head off

June 11

We lowered away our boats but took nothing

June 12<sup>day</sup>

Lowered away but took nothing

June 13<sup>day</sup>

Spoke ship Addison of New Bedford

June 14

The ship is still in sight

June 15

The weather is very foggy and cold

June 16

We fastened to a whale but stranded

June 17, 18, 19<sup>day day day</sup>

The weather is foggy

June 20

We are now passing between Kamkatcha and another island  
situated in 50 North latitude 160 West longitude

June 21

We had passed between the islands and are now in  
Saghalin sea June 22.

There is nothing here that looks like a whale

June 23

our Captain has determined to go out again

June 24 A calm

June 25

The ship being near the island we lowered the cabin boat  
and the captain went on shore and I went as  
one of his crew the rocks on shore was covered with  
with dead no inhabitants

June 26, 27, 28, see nothing

June 28

We took a whale and hove him in on the 28  
June 29

July 1, 2, and 3 Tying out and slowing  
down we made us 185 barrels.

July 4

we have spent this day very disagreeable

July 5, 6, 7, 8 Nothing.

July 9

We took a whale

July 10 Tying out

July 11 Tying out

July 12 Tying out

Sat July 13

We have scraped our bone and stow down some  
of our oil this whale made us about 100 barrels.  
the weather here now is very pleasant and agreeable

Sun July 14

This has been a sad Sunday to us we spied four whales  
this morning one point out the lead bow it was  
almost a dead calm we did not come up with them  
untill about four o'clock in the afternoon the third mate  
was sick and the fourth mate asked the captain to go and  
lead the boat in the third mates place captain told him  
that he couldnt go we lowered away all four boats I went in  
the captains boat as his borman we pulled up to the whales  
postone the labbord boat fastened to him and brought  
him and to the fourth mate pulled up to him and fastened to  
him to the whale then started to the windward the whale  
imediately spaded his flukes and then he brought to again and  
we come round four the boat with his head about fifteen  
feet out of the water the mates boat just got clear of him  
and the whale then made for the fourth mates boat  
he run his head upon the side of the boat and capsized it  
two of the crew got up on the boat bottom the whale was  
down and came up again under the boat again

The Gull  
O the white sea-gull the blue sea-gull  
is joyful now is he  
Do we look like a cawed bird living at rest  
In the arms of the sunny sea  
The little waves rock to and fro  
Be winter-gull his ashore  
As the fishermen bark with brize and thole  
goes merrily over the deep

and lifted him it up on his head one man stayed on  
the boat the other man hung onto the whale. heard the whale sink  
under the water came roader up again and rolled over though  
the man right up between his fins the mate's boat cut  
from the whale and took three of the men into his boat  
they look rd around and then missed the fourth mate  
after taking the man from the whale they look for the mate  
but he was not to be found the last that I saw of him  
he was standing on the line. stab we expected that he got  
caught in the line and was covered under by the line we then  
went on board our ship and then watch was set for the night

Feb 15

We lowered away the boats and after chasing around  
about three hours we came on board put the ship on her course  
again we see nothing else that day worthy of note  
Feb 16 we raised a sail in the morning we stood down for  
her and spoke her she proved to be the Wilmington and  
Liverpool packet the captain came on board while we was  
sailing along we raised a whale ship she proved to be the  
Rid of France in about an hour after we raised the whale  
all three ships lowered away there boats too and went on  
to the whale there were twelve boats in all we fastened  
the whale but all swam again.

Feb 17 we raised two whales in the morning lowered but took  
nothing came on board again an about three o'clock in the  
afternoon lowered away again and fastened to two whales  
they kept to gether about an hour some of the time they  
ran to the windward the was up and it was very cold the  
few point the head of boat clear over the storm waving as  
though and though often a while they parted the one  
that the mate was fastened our to the hawser and said

run to the windward a small distance and then brought to  
we was alone and the captain thought it was best to cut  
for if we should get ston we should all get ston go to  
the bottom but we saw a good chance and went up to  
him and and give him a lance that set him to spouting  
thick blood and in about an hour after we had him  
along side the mates ran so far from the ship before he  
killed him although the second mate was with him he  
had to leave him and come on board he was about 8 miles  
off July 18 we ran down to the lowerl but could find our  
other whale we have in our whale that we had along side.  
about ten o'clock we raised a sail off the western quarter she  
stood down for us she proved to be the Rosalie of Warren  
July 19 we stoned away the oil that we had on deck  
July 20 see nothing

Jun 21 We lowered and took a whale and went to trying out

Mon 22 Trying out

Tue 23 We took an other whale

W<sup>ed</sup> 24 spoke ship Trident of New Bedford

Thurs 25 we are trying out spoke ship Ontario of Society  
Friday 26 we went to stoning away in the morning and about  
ten o'clock we lowered away and fastened to a away whale  
but drawed there is three ships in sight from our deck  
Saturday 27 we cleaned up our ships and got things  
in readiness for another whale Sun 28 we saw plenty  
of whales but had no wind to get to them Mon 29  
we lowered away in the morning and got a whale  
along side about eight o'clock in morning and hove  
him in and about 5 o'clock in the of ternon commens  
trying out Tues 30 we lowered away 4 times but took  
nothing the ever spoke ship Herder of Sag Harbor there  
is five other ships in sight Thurs 31 spoke Bark Bayard  
Greenport she had a whale along side

August 1 the whale that we took on the 29<sup>th</sup> was  
a very fat whale he made us 105 bbls -

Thurs. August 1

We lowered away and took a whale along & were soon  
downwind when we commenced trying to catch sight of  
the 2 ships George and Martha & of course did not see them  
lowered away our whale was in view & we nothing  
but a lower out with nothing came on but lower on &  
nothing but the iron draver then & it is not dead when  
we lowered away about 4 o'clock in the afternoon but with  
not fastened there were plenty of whales in sight.

there was a gate opening up about twelve last night.  
Walking to the gate held on with great violence Monday &  
the gate still holds on. There is no chance every night after 2 o'clock  
afternoon now after pulling about half an hour we get fast  
we wait for about 5 minutes. In the iron doorway we pulled  
up to him and tried to pass to him again in the  
stone aisle and in a few moments he was in again. He  
had a handkerchief in his mouth and when we reached  
him he said "I am here to see you". We were very  
surprised at this as we had not seen him for a week or  
more. He had a very pale face and looked very weak  
and thin. He said "I have been ill for a week and  
had a fever and a cold and I have not slept well

Tuesday 13 day of August we raised whales about 5 o'clock  
in the morning we lowered three boats the chief mate went on and  
struck one there being 2 whales together as soon as the boat turned struck  
one the other loose whale came right up under the boat and struck her with  
her with his flukes across the bows and the boat immediately struck tho.  
Other two boats being a half mile off pulled to save crew we saw fire  
of harpoons over the other one got drowned before the boat got there the chief  
mate got shoulder badly hurt we pulled them on board and then  
we started after <sup>the</sup> whales but they going so fast we could not come up  
wch. them we pulled on board again soon after we spoke the ship Ontario  
she had one man killed by a whale the next day we spoke the ship Illinois  
of sag harbour Friday 16th we raised whales in the afternoon we lowered  
down 2 boats the starboard boat went oh and struck him soon after the  
second mate got fast to same whale he then run wounded about three  
miles the captain then commanded spreading his flukes wch. brought him to  
the two boats commenced h...g him and got him spouting blood we  
turned him up about four miles to windward of the ship and then comm.  
bowing the whale the fog began to spring up we had to leave him we  
spoke over whale and pulled on board we carried such all night next  
morning we tried to find our whale but we see nothing of him we  
raise a ship to windward of us taking a whale alongside the captain  
repeating it to be our whale we lowered down the starboard boat and  
pulled to the ship she proved to be ship El Maraca of new Bedford  
the whale proved to be ours we took him alongside and cut him in.

~~at Woahoo~~  
James Bruce To Cash  
Mr Collins To Cash



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Ship splendid. Kept to break  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1843 to bark \$100.00  
March 16<sup>th</sup> to bush & one Pock's bill 12.22  
23<sup>d</sup> To three yards lumber 1.00  
May 2<sup>d</sup> To 4 bush potatoes ship gulin 16.00  
Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 45<sup>m</sup> To Skinner 3.00  
June 11<sup>th</sup> 45<sup>m</sup> To one cable towline 15.00

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

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Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

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Ship Splendid Dr to Ship Levi Starbuck  
 To 60 lbs Sheep soap for Babo Tugs \$6<sup>00</sup>  
 To 2 gallons of varnish 1<sup>00</sup>  
 To 2 lbs Boat Nails 60  
 Contr<sup>a</sup> \$5<sup>60</sup>  
 To White hake 49 lbs  
 To White Do 2) Do at 10 ch \$7<sup>68</sup>  
 Honolulu Oct 1844  
 C. Sust<sup>n</sup> Smith

Ship Splendid Dr at Weyman  
 Nov 6<sup>th</sup> To 14<sup>1/2</sup> lbs yarn at 2 dol \$28<sup>00</sup>  
 Do to 16 lbs sweet Potatoes 16<sup>00</sup>  
 Contr<sup>a</sup> \$4<sup>00</sup>

69 yards unbleached for trade in powder bags  
 fruit &c

Ship Splendid  
C. Sust<sup>n</sup> Smith

Cape St Lucas

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1844 Ship Splendid Dr  
 To one half of an ox \$4<sup>50</sup>



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Cash Advances March 1846

To Mr Brice	\$3 00	
" Samuel L. Green	7 00	
" Grafton Calkin	13 00	
" Wheat	16 00	
" Joseph Biggs	5 00	
" John Hill	7 00	
" W. C. Rice	6 00	
Joseph Phillips	3 12	60 12
Mr Williams	4 00	
W. Glencoe	4 00	
J. August	3 00	
Mark Native	3 00	
Bill Native	2 50	
Henry Native	4 00	
Annie Native	4 00	
A. H. Moore	6 00	32 60
Francis Wright	2 00	
J. Gray	2 50	
Amelia Stebbins	3 00	
T. Nelson	3 00	
W. Barns	4 00	
J. H. Palmer	4 00	
L. Brown	4 00	
J. Ripley	3 75	
L. Becket	3 50	3 50
J. Dix	4 00	
J. Parker	4 00	
L. Campbell	8 00	
J. Francis	5 50	
J. Sheppard	3 00	
Dr Winslow Bill	68 00	15 00
Conrad's Bill (A. Parker)	111 87	146 37
To house for James Brice	3 00	
Advance to Mr Brice	3 00	00 00 4 87
		62 70 24 12

At Marcell 1846

Amount Brd over	627 24m
To Flagg & son for faults	\$3000
To Barbering	" 50
To Cooper for tools	50
Tax for Mr. Price & Mr. Willcox	1.00
To 1/2 dozen iron Pails	2 00
To A. Smith for the sick	" 25
To Dray board after settled	3 00
Arrears of Dertion	2 00

At Oakwood 12th to.

Coopers Brd inc	\$7 08
To Shipping et man	1.00

At Sea

Subj to Capt for tools	29 75
To Main topgallant yard	4 00

2 H cts per oz	Apr 14th 1845
Ship Splendid Dr to 15 lbs. yarn.	
at 2 Dollars per lbs	30.00
Sht to 10 lbs Sweet Potatoes	10.00
contra	<u>\$40.00</u>
to 63 yards White Batting 20cts	\$12" 6 0
to 42 yds Blue Drilling 20cts	8" 4 0
to Cash in balance	<u>21" 0 0</u>
	\$19" 0 0
	<u>\$40.00</u>



Stone kept with Dr Barnell	\$3.00
to Board	1.00
to Mrs Wright's Bill	1.00
to Mr. Willcox	1.00

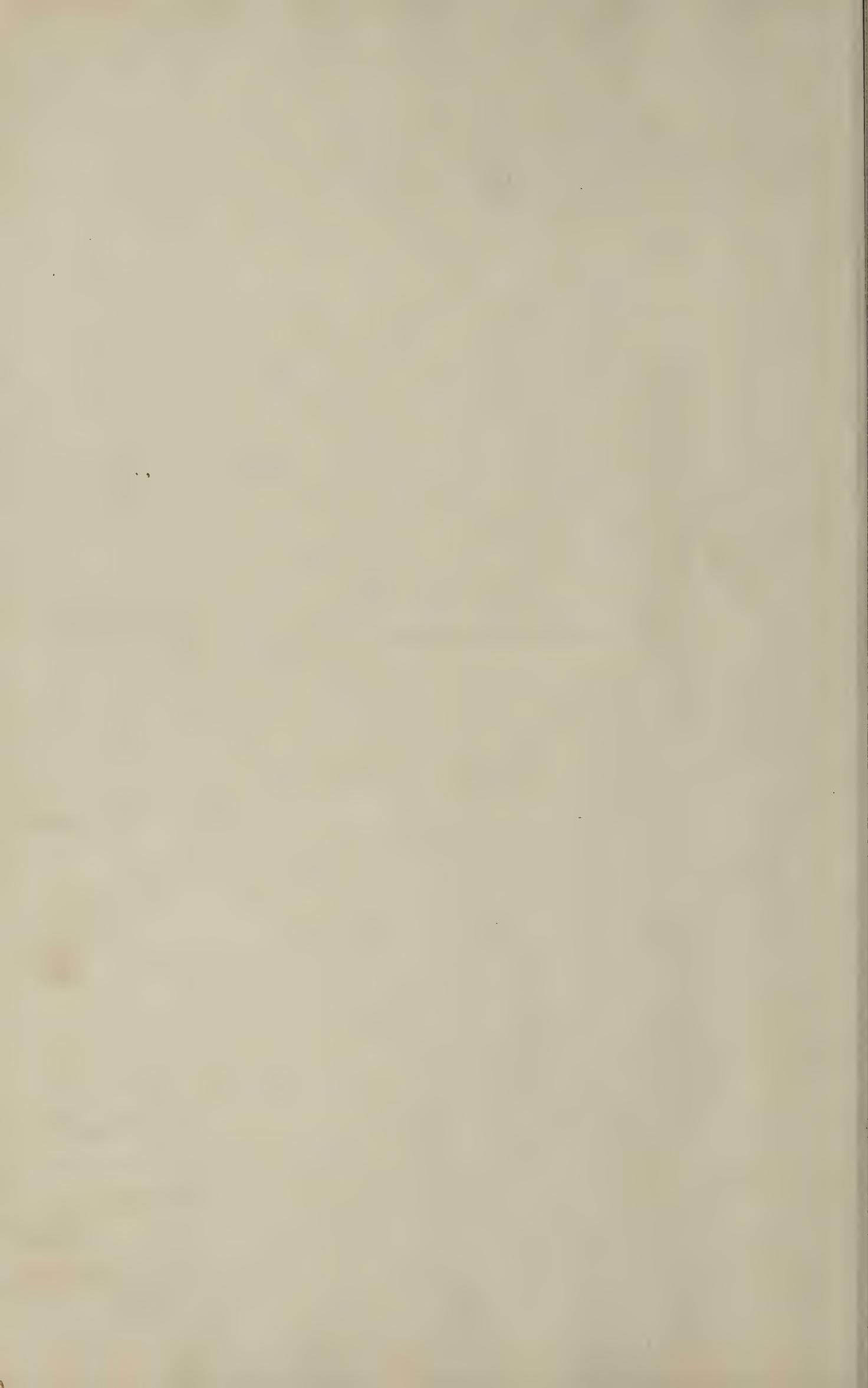


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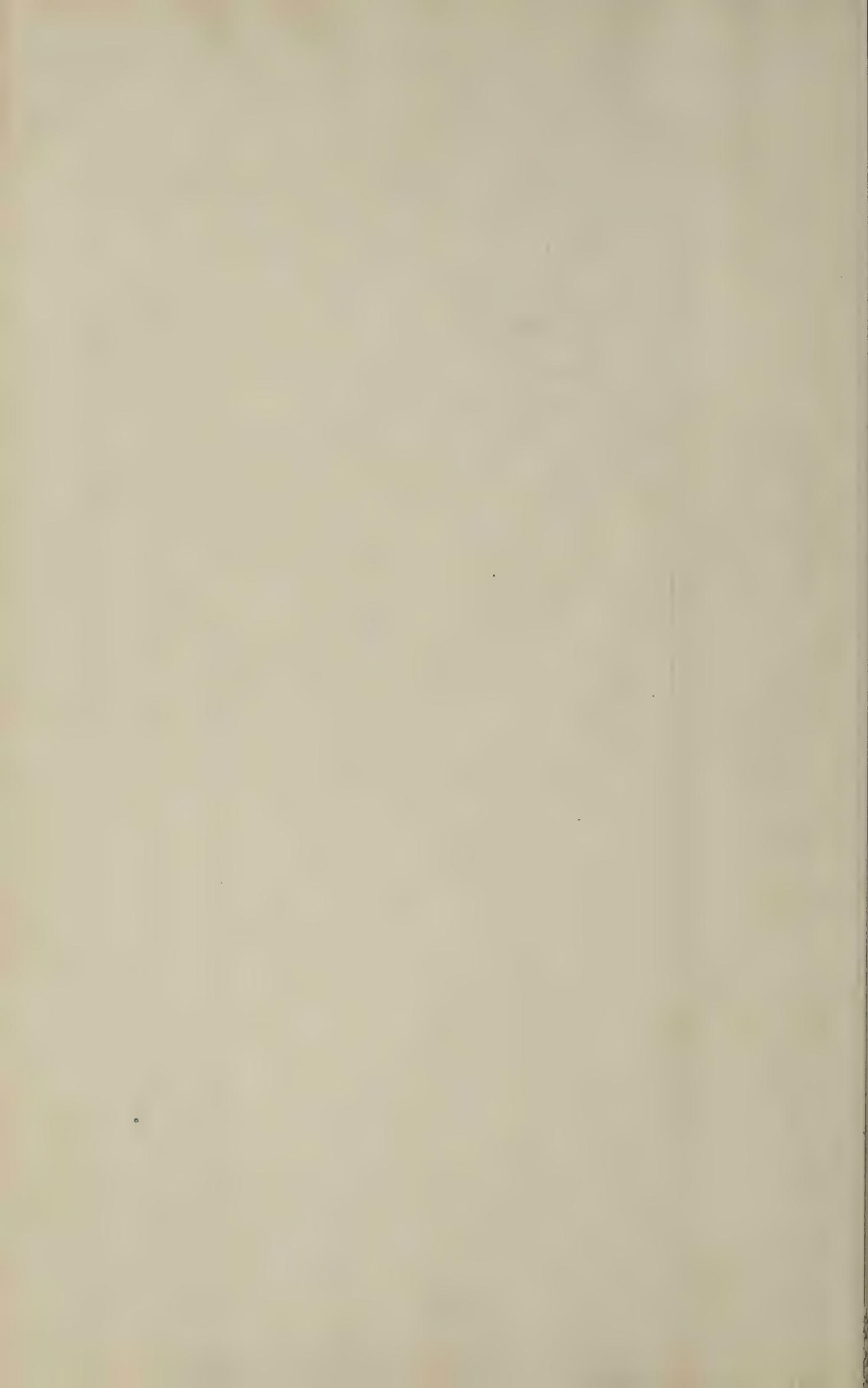
July 14th to Stage for Capt	290 75
Sept 10th to Wm. H. Galantayard	4 00

June 1844

Sept 20 George Pinchards Bill	\$ 43 11 19
" " to C. H. Watkins Bill	3 00
Cott Variable	
Capt. Watkins Bill at N.Y.	20 00
C. Powers Bill	8 25
To Drums & Coats Bill	38 00
X James the Matree's Bill	38 15
<del>Dr Woods Bill</del>	<del>31 15</del>
James Nakenson Bill	14 00
Dr Woods Bill	642 14 00
Bush Bill	87 16 27
To Shipping & Kanakas 3 00	33 00
Port Charges	56 11 77
3 lbs sweet Potatoes	1 00
2 lbs onion	6 00
4 lbs Sweet Potatoes	4 00
Bait them in Port	3 00
Bait her out side	2 00
Market Bill	4 00
15 lbs sweet potatoes	4 00
Cornish Bill	381 11 07
Drained & far	12 00



Ship Melancholy		
Cash Balles (Balance)		
Oct 1, 1845	To Cash Advanced	
	crew & officers	\$178 89
	To Capt Wilkin Bell Slaps	20 90
	To C. Brewes bill of Exchange	8 25
	James Maggs Bill	78 10
	To Dr Woods Bill	1 50
	To James Bullock's Bill	14 50
	Mack's Gep Bill	6 12
	To Harland Master Shipping Wm	3 00





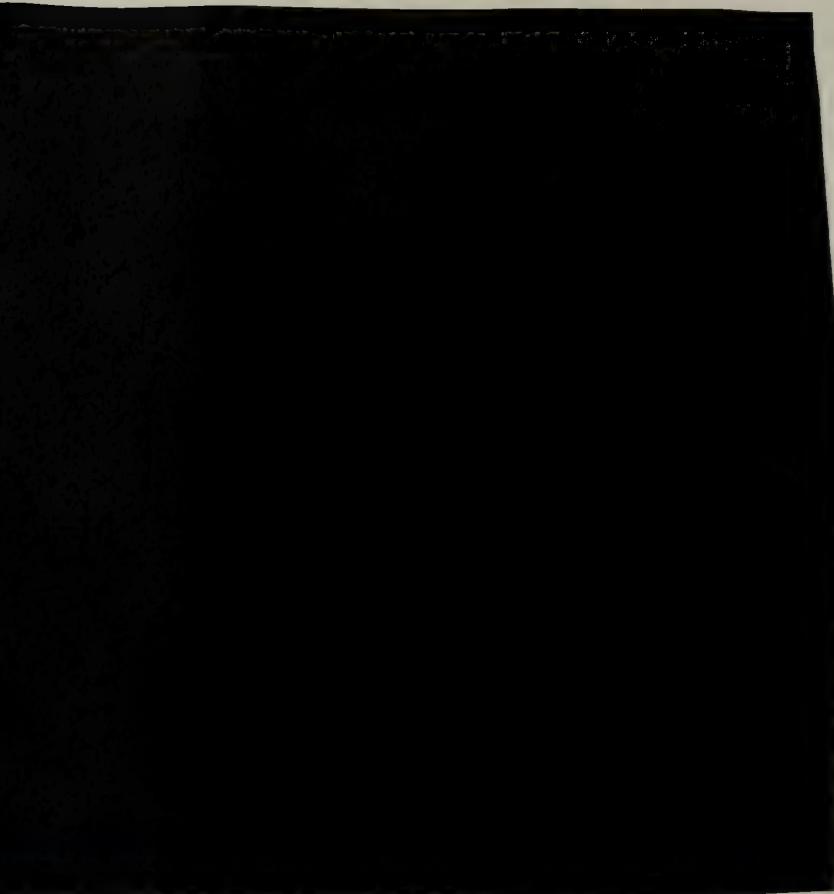
Cash Dr to the S. L. Co.

Oct 1833 To Cash \$100.00  
With 16 lbs rocks bill 12 22  
To Blatt 1 00  
To 4 lbs potatoes 16 00  
To Copper Miner 3 00  
To one little boy 15 00  
To Cash, J. W. Jr. 132

*Henry C. Tabor Jr to*  
*High Spalding*



Loring P<sup>r</sup> Hammond Jr —  
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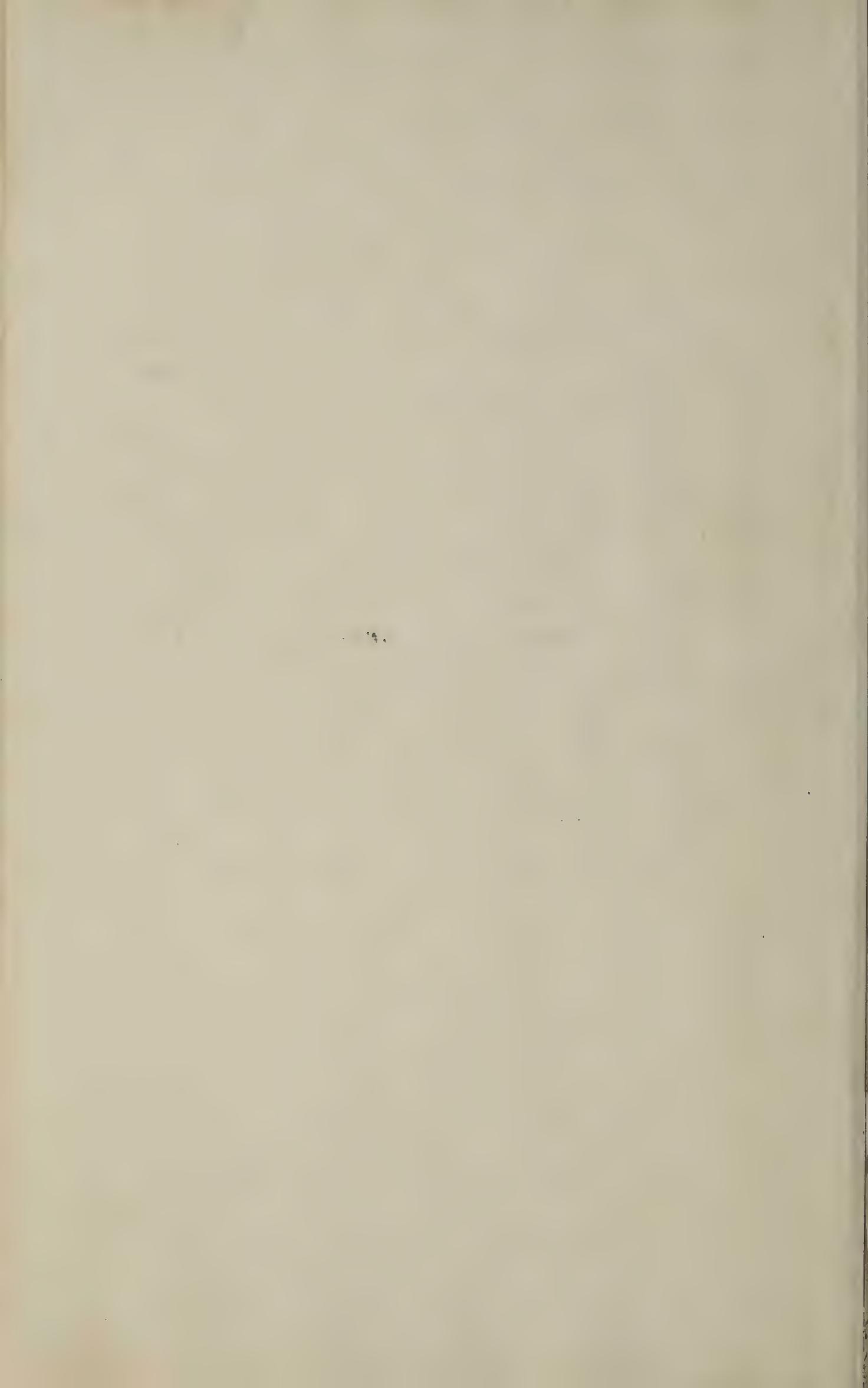


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Name)

Samuel Desseur M.D.

Physician

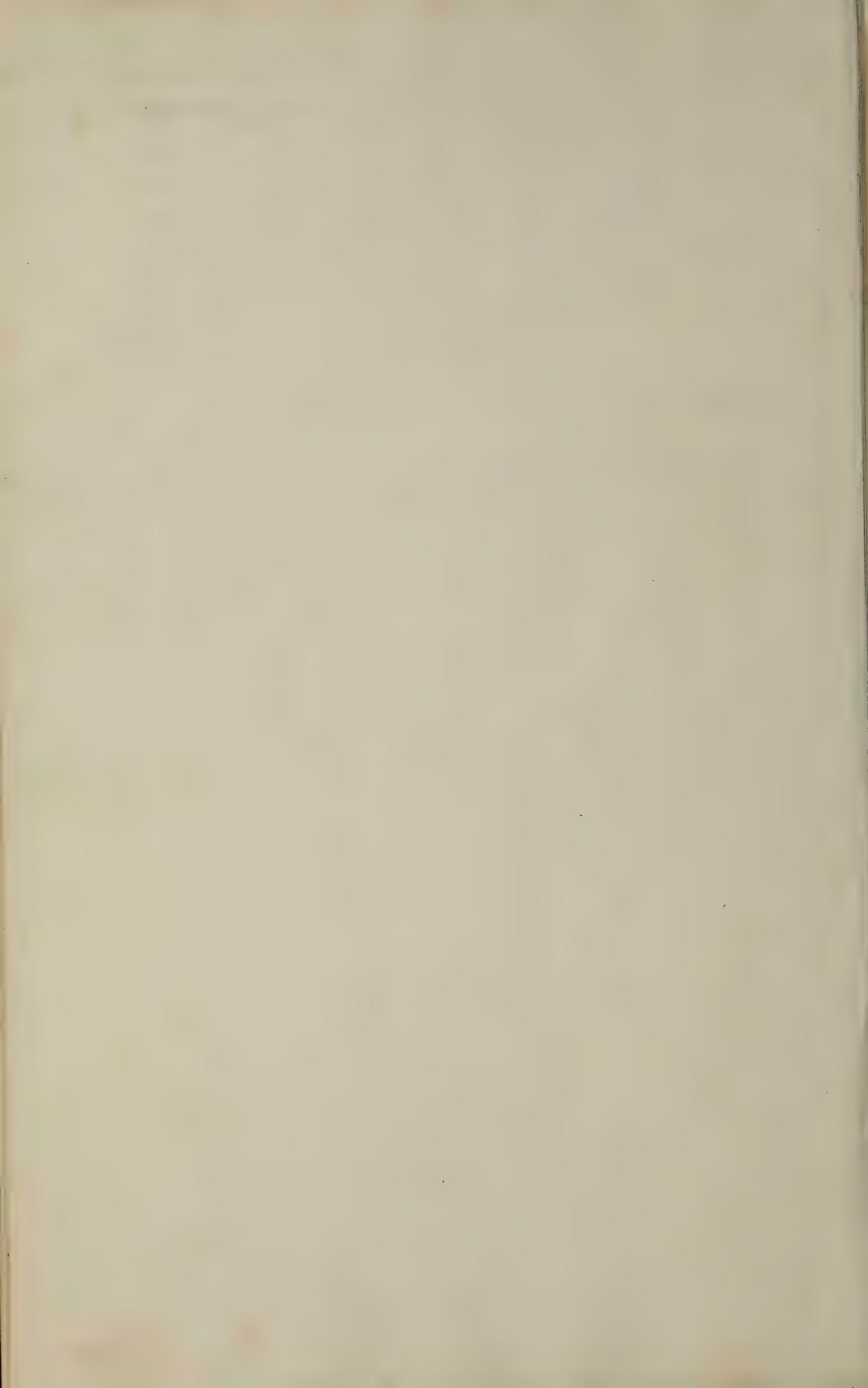
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Jan 2d	45	To Cash at Name	1.00
" 24th	" To Cash at Do	1.00	
" 29th	" To Cash at Do	1.00	
Feb 1st	" To Cash at Do	1.00	
" 3d	" To Cash at Do	1.00	
" 10th	" To Cash at Do	2.00	
" "	" To Cash at Do	14.50	3 62 1/2
Feb 28th	" To Cash at value	3.00	
Mar 2d	" To Cash at Do	1.00	
" 4th	" To Cash at Do	1.00	
" 6th	" To Cash at Do	3.00	
" 9th	" To Cash at Do	.50	
" 14th	" To Cash at Do	1.00	



Channed Deduction Dr to Ship Galveston  
Mar 23 1844 To Cash at Cashier \$7.50  
Mar 28 45 To Cash at Cashier 1.00  
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Channed Deduction Dr to Ship Galveston



March 24<sup>th</sup>  
1 lb. Irish Potatoes \$2.00  
1 lb. Sweet Potatoes 3.00

March 19<sup>th</sup>

Mr Brice to a per plants	\$ 2.00	Still Special
Mr Collins to 1 per do	1 " 00	
Mr Wilson to 1 per do	1 " 00	
Johnny to 1 lb tobacco	25	
Cook to 3 lbs tobacco	75	
Elo to 1 lb tobacco	25	
Bab to 4 lbs tobacco	25	
Cook to 1 fancy shirt	1.30	

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Mr Brice to cash	\$ 2.00
Mr Susan to cash	1.00
Mr Wilson to cash	1.00

24<sup>th</sup>

Mr Collins to cash	2.00
Blacksmith to cash	.50
Brownfield to cash	1.00
Johnny to cash	.50
Hally to cash	.50
Jean Tracy to cash	.50
Peter to cash	1.00
Mark to cash	.50
Dick to cash	.50
Henry to cash	.25

25<sup>th</sup>

Mr Susan to cash	1.00
Mr Wilson to cash	.20
Brown to cash	1.00
John Brown to cash	1.00
Carpenter to cash	1.00
Grech to cash	.50
Palmer to do	.20
Wilson to cash	1.00
Henry to cash	.25
Brown to cash	.20

Elie to bush	5.0
Bab to bush	5.0
Frank to bush	10.00
	26 <sup>th</sup>
Mr. Collins to bush	2.00
Casper to bush	1.00
Kamspul to bush	1.00
Johning to bush	1.00
Wally to do	.50
Dick to do	.50
Pete to bush	.50
Book to bush	1.00
Mark to bush	.50
Jo Brug to bush	.50
Wright to bush	1.00





A Correct list of Persons Employed on  
Board the Ship Splendid on the voyage  
commencing October 15<sup>th</sup> 1843

James Price 1 <sup>st</sup> Officer	Discharged	Appl 10 <sup>th</sup> 1845
Manuel & Susan Williams		
Grafton A. Collins 3 <sup>d</sup> Officer		
Timothy G. Wellington 4 <sup>th</sup> officer Deceased July 15 <sup>th</sup> 1844		
John Silvia Boatswain		
Ebenezer Rounsevel Boatswain		
Charles Kenney	do Discharged	Value Oct 1844
Charles Brown	do Discharged	Name Clark
Cyrus Hixley Cooper	Discharged	Sick under
George Dawson Steward	do	Deceased Value Oct 1844
Charles Bocket Cook		
Thomas Wilson Seaman		
William Burns	do	Deserted Value Appl 1845
Jacob E. Mitchell	do	
William P. Otto	do	Deserted Oct 1844 Value
Daniel H. Palmer	do	
William Lawrence	do	Deserted Value Oct 1844
Charles Worcester	do	Deceased Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> 1844
John Weston	do	Deserted Value Oct 1844
Charles Burnham	do	Deserted Value Oct 1844
George Dix	do	
William Howard	do	Discharged Sick under three
George Estes	do	Deserted Value Oct 1844
Israel Muddox	do	Deserted Value Oct 1844
William Porter Carpenter		
William Kuechel Seaman	Deserted	Value Oct 1844
John Francis	do	
Charles Splendid	do	Discharge & payed off
Henry Stetson	do	Deserted Name Appl 1845
Peter Parley	do	for one cruise Paid off
Mark Large	do	do do do do
Joseph Hall	do	do do do do

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"	"	"	Order one	1600	24
			Tightened off	1600	445
Three months pay & taxes, April, 1845				1600	445
for Miss Compton			Order one	1600	24

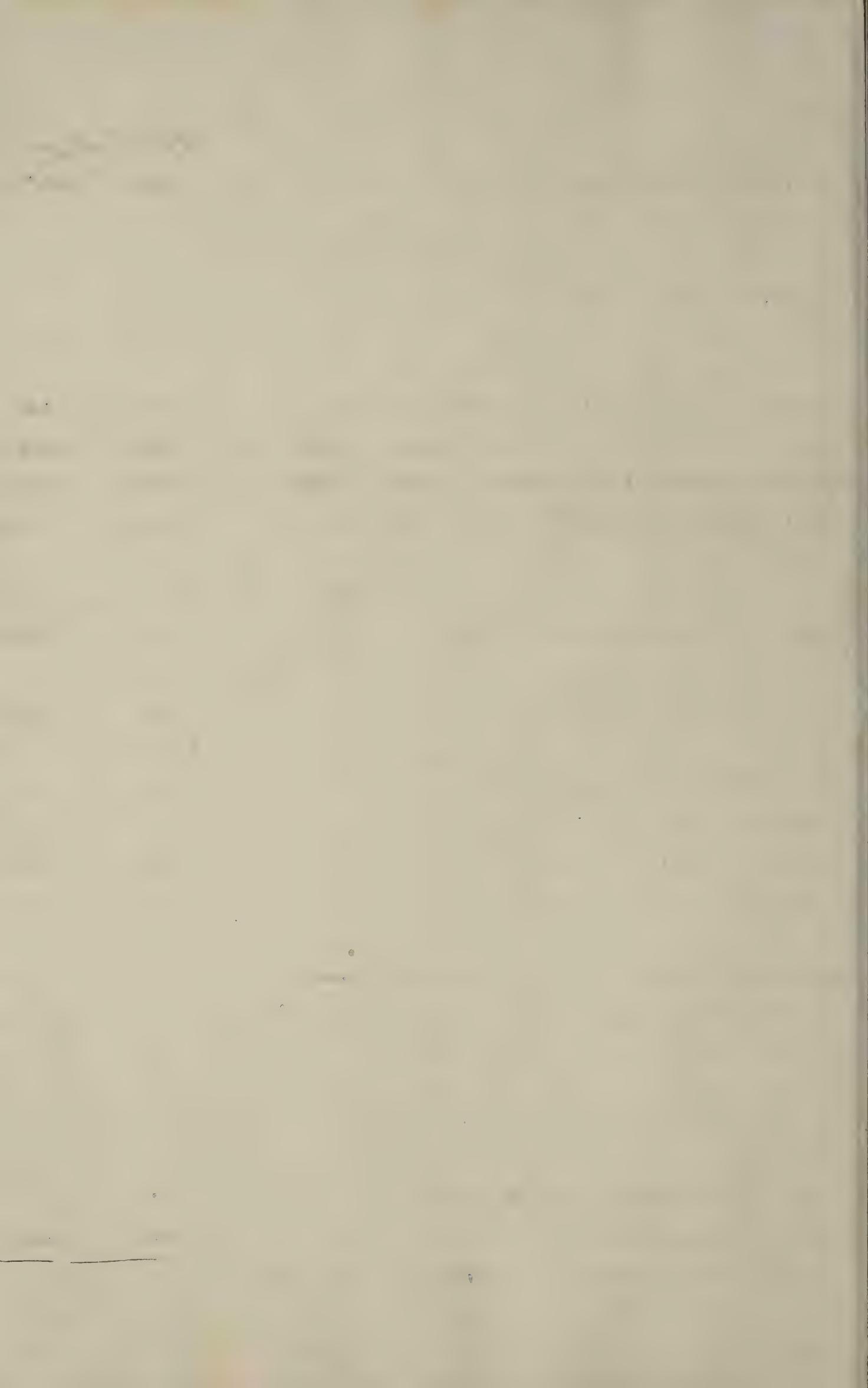
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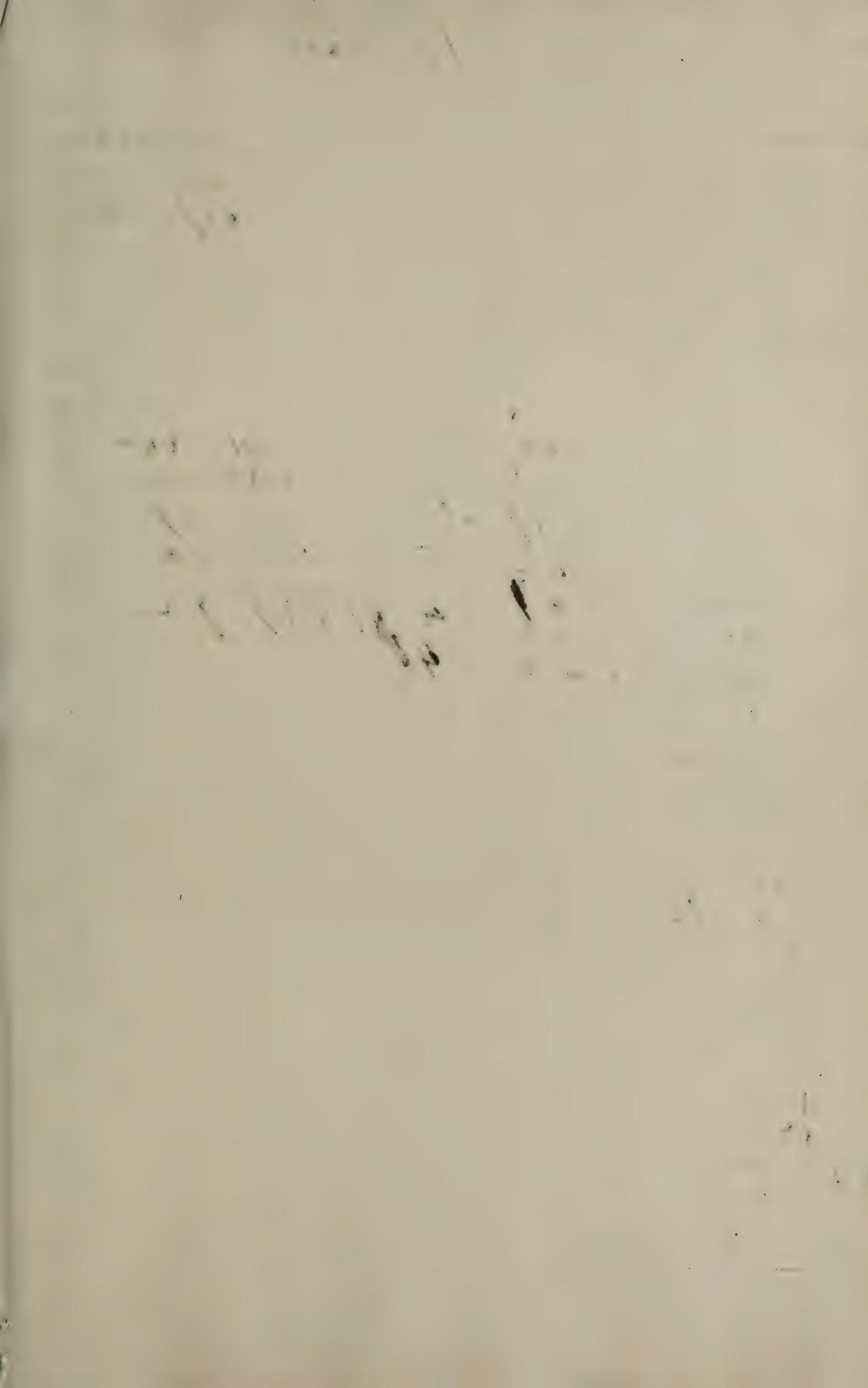
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Value Oct 1844 etc to Bill  
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xx Burnham	0 50
xx Derry	1 00
xx Dick	.40
x Peter	1 00
xx Cook	1 00
x Mark	1 00
x Splendid	1 00
xx Burns	1 00
xx Israel	1 00
xx Fabian Haas	1 00
xx Raunfeld	2.00
xx Cooper	2.00
xx Ward	1 00

Money disbursed  
of this Splendid.

Oct 27 1844 to Cash

xx Brown to Cash	\$ 2.00
x Kenny to Cash	2 00
xx Carpenter to Cash	1 00
xx Potts to Cash	1 00
xx Bill to Cash	1 00
xx Henry to Cash	1 00
xx Jacob to Cash	1 00
x & George Estes	1 00
xx Palmer to Cash	1 00
xx W. Lewis	1 00
x Jase Hall to Cash	1 00
xx Nelson to Cash	1 00
xx Jack Dalton	1 00

Oct 3d

xx Burnham to Cash	50
xx Densy to Cash	1.00
xx Dick to Cash	.50
x Peter Paisley	1 00
xx Cook	1 00
x Clark	1 00
x Chas Splendid	1 00
x & Burns	1 00
x & John Francis	1 00
x & Pleasantful	2 00
xx Carpenter	2 00
xx Haward	1 00
xx Israel	1 00

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xx Bill	50	
xx Henry	50	
xx Brown	25	
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xx Palmer	for the	4 00
		26th
xx Potts		25
		27th
xx Kannful		2 00
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xx Cooper		2 00

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		Nave ad
		Palmers post fee
		Do post fee 6 00
		Do post fee 4 00
		Wright ad 6 50
		2
		William Parker
		post fee & Board
		10 00
		2
		Sheffield post office
		4 00
		2
		Burns 6 50
		2
		Staben 12 50

